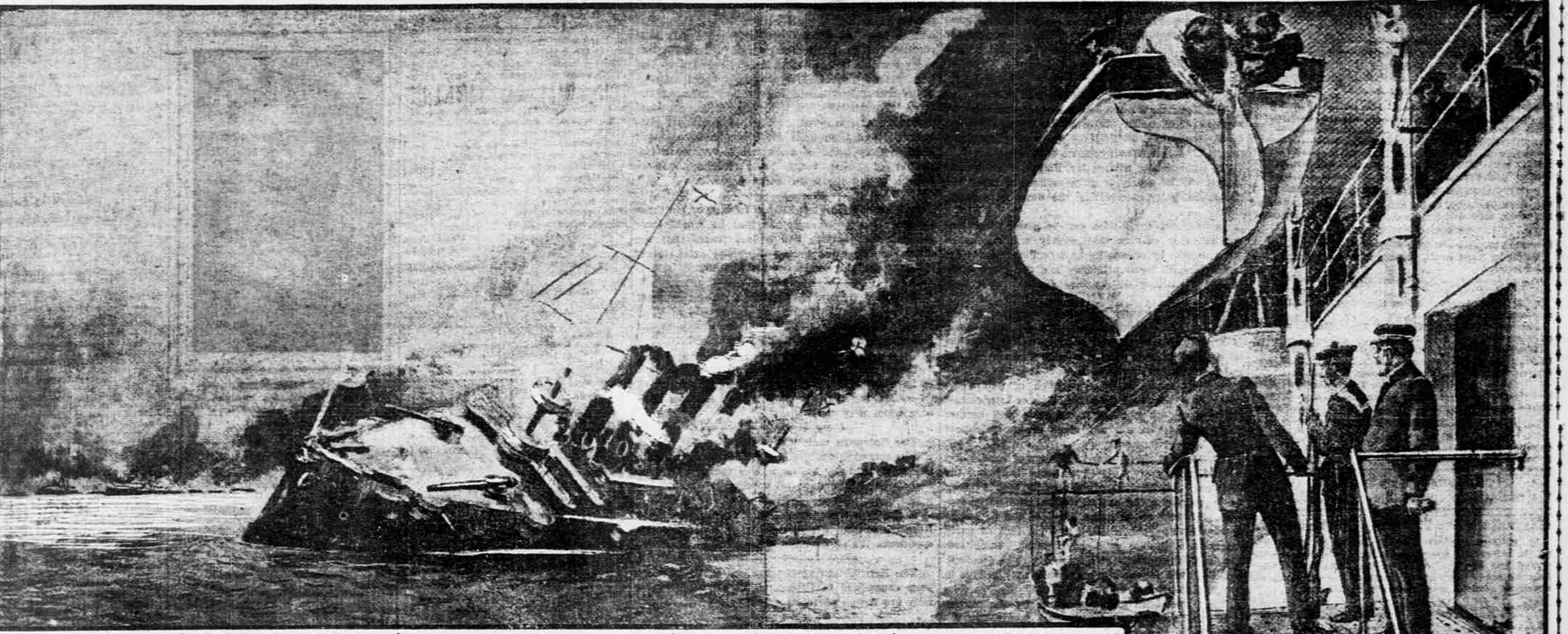


THE SINKING OF THE RUSSIAN SHIP VARIAG BY A JAPANESE SQUADRON AT CHEMULPO, FEBRUARY 9.



JAPANESE FLEET.

The cruiser Variag and the gunboat Korietz were sunk by the Japanese to leave the harbor of Chemulpo, otherwise they would be bombarded where they lay. They accordingly came out and fought against a vastly superior force, including the cruisers Naniwa, Takachibou, Akashi and Suma, and at nightfall retired, only to sail out again next day, with bands playing the Russian national anthem, to renew the combat, when both Russian vessels were destroyed. The survivors were rescued by the French cruiser Pascal, shown on the right.

HAPPENINGS IN ILLINOIS CITIES AND TOWNS.

TAX COLLECTORS MAKE RETURNS.

Collections From Nine Townships Turned Over to Treasurer.

Nine township collectors of St. Clair County made returns to County Treasurer Philip Wolf at Belleville yesterday. The returns were as follows:

Shiloh Valley, George Seibert, Collector—Total amount charged, \$2,262.50; delinquent, \$2.92; collected, \$2,265.42; Collector's commission, \$113.27.

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by the East St. Louis and Suburban Electric Railroad, at the new power station in East St. Louis, was crushed to death yesterday morning in the coal pit by a fall of a carload of coal. The car works automatically, but no reason for its opening as it did could be discovered. Downey leaves a widow and four children. An inquest was held yesterday afternoon at the Bonner-Brichler mortuary. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

East St. Louis Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses issued in East St. Louis yesterday were to Louis Torrence and Mamie Gill, both of East St. Louis, and Thomas Hart and Mrs. Phoebe Hansen, both of Chicago.

Stole \$100 From Sick Man.

Burglars entered the home of John Baird, a conductor on the St. Louis Valley Railroad, who lives at No. 16 South St. Louis, and stole \$100 in cash and some clothing and some jewelry. The money was found in a box in the room. The thief was seen by Baird, who called the police. The thief was seen by Baird, who called the police. The thief was seen by Baird, who called the police.

Niklaus Heights Sold.

A warranty deed by Joseph T. Donovan to Edward L. Cragen and Frank Niehaus of East St. Louis for what is known as the Niklaus Heights was filed for record in Belleville yesterday. The property is part sections 8 and 9 township 2 north range 3 west. The consideration named is \$12,000.

May Live in East St. Louis.

Thomas Hart and bride Mrs. Phoebe Hansen, both of Chicago, will probably make East St. Louis their home as the result of their marriage in that city yesterday. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Driscoll, who after a week's sojourn in the city, where he became acquainted with the bride and groom, returned to Chicago.

East St. Louis Items.

The Rev. Father of the Holy Trinity will give a fair April 4 and 5 in the new school building. The program will consist of a variety of entertainment.

Mrs. Dillie M. Dudley Sued for Divorce.

A divorce suit was filed yesterday by Mrs. Dillie M. Dudley against her husband, Frank H. Dudley, alleging cruelty.

Article of Incorporation of the Haverhill Coal Company of East St. Louis.

The Haverhill Coal Company of East St. Louis was incorporated yesterday. The incorporators are J. C. Hall, L. E. Roberts and C. R. Kutz.

Mrs. M. J. Zerkow Entertains the Members of the Magnolia Club last night.

The Magnolia Club of the East St. Louis High School will give an entertainment tomorrow evening in the Auditorium of the High School. The program will consist of a variety of entertainment.

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Chicago delivered a lecture in the Altamont High School Auditorium on "The Early Evolution of Man."

Charles Carter of Upper Allen has gone to Mexico, Mo.

Jerseyville Notes.

Alfred William Faby of Jerseyville has gone to Hot Springs, Ark.

Leon Shovel of Jerseyville has entered the Lutheran Hospital in St. Louis to undergo an operation on a bone in his foot.

Emmett Hains of Kane, Ill., was a visitor in Jerseyville yesterday.

S. H. Brumback of Pittsfield, Ill., is the guest of Jerseyville friends.

R. M. Winkley of Jacksonville, Ill., was a visitor in Jerseyville yesterday.

J. W. White has returned to Belleville, Ill., after visiting in Jerseyville.

Nathan Cook of Springfield, Ill., was a visitor in Jerseyville yesterday.

Chas. Holt of Chicago delivered a lecture in the First M. E. Church in Jerseyville last evening on "Ten Dollars and Cents."

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The sheep trade in general seems to be in a weak condition, none of the buyers caring very much whether they are able to secure supplies of wool, and they cannot be induced to make bids on the interior grades.

MOGS—Only a fair run of hogs was on sale, the receipts amounting to around 2,500, and the quality was not extra good, choice hogs and good hogs being rather scarce. A good many pigs and lard were on sale, some of which were on the Southwest order.

The market opened with a fairly good demand prevailing for all good smooth hog carcasses, 200 lbs. or over, suitable for both packers and city butchers, and all such and quality of hogs being rather scarce. The market was not very active, and the price of hogs was not very high.

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